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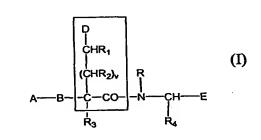
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(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to derivatives of succinic and glutaric acids and analogues thereof, having the following general formula (I), useful as inhibitors of PHEX. These derivatives are useful for promoting generation of bone mass and treating or preventing diseases or conditions associated with a phosphate metabolism defect. Methods for preparation and intermediates are also disclosed.



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Present claim 1 relates to an extremely large number of possible compounds. Support within the meaning of Article 6 PCT and/or disclosure within the meaning of Article 5 PCT is to be found, however, for only a very small proportion of the compounds claimed. Formula (I) is practically only made of variants (A, B, D, E, R, etc) which are defined by unspecific expressions like "zinc ligand", "zinc ligand bearing moiety", "substituted alkyl", "lower alkyl", "substituted lower alkyl", "lower alkoxy", "cycloalkyl", "aryl", "substituted aryl", "heteroaryl", "amino acid, "symmetrical disulfide", etc. In the present case, the claims so lack support, and the application so lacks disclosure, that a meaningful search over the whole of the claimed scope is impossible.

Consequently, taking into account the compounds prepared in the examples and closely related homologous compounds, the search has been carried out for those parts of the claims which appear to be supported and disclosed, namely those parts relating to the compounds wherein A represents one of the groups listed and E is H, CONHCH3, COOH, COOAlk, CONH2, CONHCH(COOH)CH2OH, CH2CH2OH, CH2OH, CH2COOH. The cases wherein R1+R2, R1+R3, R+R4, R11+R1 and R11+R2 may form a ring have not been searched.

The applicant's attention is drawn to the fact that claims, or parts of claims, relating to inventions in respect of which no international search report has been established need not be the subject of an international preliminary examination (Rule 66.1(e) PCT). The applicant is advised that the EPO policy when acting as an International Preliminary Examining Authority is normally not to carry out a preliminary examination on matter which has not been searched. This is the case irrespective of whether or not the claims are amended following receipt of the search report or during any Chapter II procedure.

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